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THE COURTS.

Circuit Court.

The result of a discussion about an old bucket once plunged two nations into a bloody war, so ancient history says. This same principle that from a trifling matter often springs a long and costly litigation is fully illustrated by the case of Gray v. Theurer, which was to be begun in the circuit court Thursday, but was postponed until a week from that time. The parties to the suit are both farmers and reside near Meriden. About two years ago these men had a dispute over a washbasin, the property of the district school in their neighborhood, in which one accused the other of appropriating the said basin after the school term closed. The discussion was brought to a close by Gray's getting a sound thrashing at the hands of Theurer and two of his sons, for which, a year ago, they were fined \$25 each in the county court. The present suit has been instituted by Gray to recover damages to the amount of \$5,000, he alleging that the beating administered him by Theurer and his sons has permanently injured one of his arms. Wednesday and Thursday last a large number of witnesses for both sides were registered at the hotels in this city, 11 for the defense being at the Clifton, Thursday next Meriden will be again largely represented at the county seat, even to the handsome, cultured school ma'am of that vicinity.

A case which has elicited a great deal of interest this week and which occupied the attention of the circuit court four days was that of Cook vs. Fraser. About three years ago, Thos. Cook, then a resident of Waltham, now of Plano, was kicked by a mule. The bone at the ankle was broken and Dr. Fraser, of La Salle, was called to set the fracture and, as alleged by plaintiff, the ankle became permanently deformed through the mode of treatment adopted by Dr. Fraser. Wednesday and Thursday a good deal of expert testimony was introduced on both sides, Dr. Corbus, of La Salle, Cole, of Peru, and Edwards, of Mendota, testifying in behalf of plaintiff as did Dr. Hatheway, of this city. Drs. Hard, Ryburn, Dyer and McArthur gave evidence as tending to prove that the treatment was as good as could be had under the circumstances. Thursday afternoon A. J. O'Connor opened the argument before the jury for the plaintiff, and J. W. Duncan closed. R. D. McDonald conducted the defense. The case was given to the jury about six o'clock Thursday afternoon and in a few hours thereafter they had agreed. When the sealed verdict was opened in the court yesterday morning it was found that damages had been awarded Cook in the sum of \$2,500. A motion was made for a new trial but it is probable that it will not be granted.

NEW DIVORCE SUITS.

Mrs. Jas. Burns, of Streator, was on Tuesday granted a decree of divorce. The parties were married at Seneca June 6, 1876. The husband was charged with repeated acts of cruelty, and for the past three years Mrs. Burns was obliged to work for her mother to obtain the necessities of life for herself and children. For two years of this time Burns was a habitual drunkard, and spent everything he could get for strong drink. He was a man of violent temper and frequently indulged in obscene and abusive language and personal violence. On the 14th of July, 1882, he knocked her down by a blow on the face from his fist, and again, Sept. 6, 1883, threw her violently to the floor and pulled out large quantities of her hair; June 30, 1884, he knocked her down with a chair, all of which allegations were sustained.

On the same day as above Mrs. Charles H. Haskell was separated from her husband. Nov. 19th, 1879, plaintiff was married and continued to live with defendant until May 16th, 1883, when she was deserted by her husband, and he has since concealed his whereabouts. The petitioner was also granted permission to assume her maiden name, Fanny B. Armstrong, and that the said Chas. H. Haskell be forever barred of all right of dower in the property and estate of said complainant.

Fletcher A. Butler, on Christmas day, 1877, was married to Miss Ida Cottew, of the village of Sheridan. Mrs. Butler has been a regularly licensed physician of that place, and almost since the time of giving herself as a Christmas box to Mr. Butler he has acted

in a most cruel manner towards his wife, on the charge of repeated acts of cruelty the court granted her a divorce Thursday and gave her permission to resume her maiden name.

Wednesday afternoon Mary J. Barnes appeared in court and swore that she was united in marriage to Silas W. Barnes in 1872, in Missouri, and that he now lived in Nebraska. She said that she didn't know why he left her. Her husband frequently whipped her and left marks on her. She had him bound over to keep the peace. He was in jail two terms. Her parents, she testified, were well off. Barnes had beat and whipped her 100 times without cause. She was granted a decree of divorce.

Wednesday the court granted a divorce to Elizabeth Shellenbarger. The couple were married in 1868, and after 17 years of wedded life Elizabeth discovered that her husband was an indolent, good for nothing drunkard. Her story was translated by an interpreter, who said that the woman was 30 years of age and had four children.

The case of Rebecca Hostetter v. Jonathan Hostetter came up Wednesday. Plaintiff's bill alleges that she is and has been a resident of the township of Ottawa for over ten years; that she was married to one Jonathan Hostetter at Chatsworth, in Livingston Co., Dec. 1st, '72; that ever since said marriage her husband was guilty of extreme and repeated cruelty toward her, frequently beat, kicked and choked her, blackened both her eyes; that he once kicked her in the back, and struck her with a chair, threw her out of doors, and on Sunday, Oct. 11, of the present year, she was kicked and pounded by him, thrown upon the ground and otherwise maltreated. She also represented that her husband was about to move to Kansas with another woman, Mary Hoffman, and about to dispose of her property, and that the court restrain him from so doing. It was also requested that the custody of her four children be given to the plaintiff and the marriage dissolved. Injunction granted and writ issued. Proceedings in divorce case will be had at January term.

Celesta G. Manning in her bill for divorce granted Wednesday, states that she was lawfully married to George Manning May 14th, 1879, and that on March 28th, 1883, George deserted her and had not since "shown up" and persisted in absconding himself from plaintiff, &c. The divorce was granted on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Manning being given the custody of her four-year-old daughter.

THE GRAND JURY.

Finished its labors yesterday forenoon and presented the following indictments:

Joseph Corcoran, mayhem; 4 counts.
James Cary, larceny.
Burton Beck, larceny; 3 counts.

George Bommer, selling liquor to minors; 24 counts.

Fred Bauer, larceny.
Ambrose Betting, selling liquor without license; 25 counts.

Ambrose Betting, tipping house; 10 counts.
Thos. Glenn, selling liquor without license; 25 counts.

Thos. McIntyre and Jas. McGovern, selling liquor to minors; 24 counts.

Thos. Glenn, tipping house; 10 counts.
Thos. and Susan Glenn, nuisance.

Geo. W. Matthias, Jr., Ellsworth Cunley, and Arthur Cunningham, disturbing religious meeting.

Daniel A. Maher and Stephen Butler, selling liquor to minors; 30 counts.

Robert J. Ray, larceny.
David Shaw, Wm. Johnson and John Shaw, rescuing prisoner; 2 counts.

Fred Mueller, selling liquor to minors; 24 counts.

Henry S. Gilmore, larceny.
Henry T. Stratton, assault with intent to commit rape.

Chas. R. Welch and Thos. Murray, burglary.

Chas. T. Farrar, obtaining money under false pretences.

Anton Scherer, selling liquor to minors; 24 counts.

W. W. O'Brien, larceny; 2 counts.
John Reichardt, selling liquor without a license; 40 counts.

Peter West, assault with intent to kill and murder; 2 counts.

Samuel B. Fry, selling liquor to minors; 30 counts.

Chas. Spellman and Edward Harvey, robbery; 2 counts.
John Doffner, selling liquor without license; 40 counts.

David Shaw, Wm. Johnson and John Shaw, aiding prisoner to escape.

David Shaw, Frank McGraw, Wm. Johnson and John Shaw, riot; 2 counts.

Joseph Salzman, burglary and larceny.

John M. Sisco, larceny.

Matthew White, selling liquor to minors; 24 counts.

John Patterson and Robert Metzger, same; 24 counts.

George W. Holmes, same; 24 counts.

Geo. H. P. Fischer, same; 30 counts.

David Sheahan, larceny.

Frank Wyatt, same.

Thos. Flynn, incest.

NEW CASES.

Lewis Nichols v. Frederick Walther.

People & v. Chas. T. Farrar.

R. Wilson v. Cornelia Wilson.

John McNeil v. City of Streator.

Wm. E. Heleman v. W. M. Munson.

Catherine Flynn v. John Langan.

Alfred O. Beardsley v. Frank Beardsley.

Jos. Fennell v. Peter Donlevy et al.

Andrew McManus v. C. B. & Q. Ry.

J. F. Zimmerman v. John Zimmerman.

People & v. Dolly Whaley.

Same & v. Geo. Whaley.

W. R. Milligan & v. Emeline Johnson et al.

LAW.

John Waterman v. Jas. Worsely, appeal; judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$50 rendered by agreement.

Peter Kreis v. W. R. Milligan, replevin; plaintiff assessed \$902 as damages.

Wm. Woody et al. v. Thos. Rafter; judgment for plaintiff \$146.02.

John Piercy v. James Piercy; finding for plaintiff for \$1,539.84.

Chicago Stamping Co. v. Chas. Hoffman; finding for plaintiff \$739.39.

Gottlieb Gray v. Albert Reick; finding for plaintiff \$239.61.

J. J. Halladay v. Abram Hess, debt; finding for plaintiff \$2,105.

The following cases have been stricken off the circuit court docket:

Wm. Wilson et al. v. E. B. Munson et al., Geo. M. Savage v. M. P. Mitchell et al., G. W. Briggs v. J. Lehman, Elting Karlson v. same, J. G. Nattinger v. J. D. Young, Geo. D. Shaver v. V. H. Seeley, Winifred Cody v. Richard Cody, David Samuels v. Wm. Richard et al., Michael Fishery et al. v. J. L. Spaulding et al., Wm. Reiferschied v. C. J. Rhodes et al., Thomas Knox v. John Betts, Gilbert Nolan, executor, & v. Dennis Ryan, Emeline Johnson v. Jacob Huss, Patrick Cullen v. Michael Kinnevan, John Talley v. Mary Nicholson, Patrick R. Mannix v. D. A. Buell, Thomas Colgan v. Isaac Robinson, Chris C. Kolstein v. D. C. Furbach, A. E. Willich v. D. C. Furbach, John Smith v. Geo. Lutz et al., J. C. Wiley v. H. M. Thayer et al.

Mitchell et al. v. Pitts Sons' Manf. Co. Replevin. On trial.

Probate Court.

Final settlements were had in the following estates:

John Nicholson, Richard Dusch, Nancy B. Bullock, Frederick Bane and Carl Zimmerman.

Adjustments were had in the following estates:

Celia Foot, Henry Brumback, Jane Batten, Lars Nelson, Henrietta L. Burkart, Appolonia Zimmerman, Aaron Hodgson, Joseph Bane, Adam Diller and Henry Benson.

Est. of Henrietta L. Burkart, inv. and app. bill apvd. and ord. recd.

Est. of Joseph Bane, pet. to sell real estate granted, app. bill, inv. and widow's rel. and sel. apvd. and ord. recd.

Joseph Heinzeiger v. Elizabeth Heinzeiger et al., pet. to sell real estate, hearing on pet. and answer to pet. by guardian ad litem.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Roughton, guardian of Robert S. Roughton et al., pet. to sell real estate, Daniel F. Trainor app. guardian ad litem, sale decreed.

Est. of Allen Brown, rep. of assets apvd. and ord. recd.

Est. of Horace Graves, rep. of private sale of prop. apvd. and ord. recd.

Est. of Geo. Brown, will ad. to probate and ord. recd. Agnes Brown app. adm. with will annexed, bond in sum of \$500.

In the Offices.

The county clerk's office is just now the most attractive of any in the building. A large force of beautiful maidens are engaged there on the tax lists.

MARRIAGES.

The following were this week granted licenses to marry:

John Plisko and Boro Matta.

Jas. J. Griffin and Mary Ann Moran.

John Heine and Mary Lukas.

Anton Schlat and Christina Deiderich.

Jas. Gallagher and Christina Deiderich.

Samuel A. Cutler and Sarah E. Duerne.

Chas. Guenther and Josephine Ross.

Samuel Houghton and Susan Barnhart.

Michael Verehinak and Susan Palka.

Gustaf Miller and Elizabeth Raabe.

Knut Gord and Serena Stensens.

Alfred E. Harding and Mrs. Alice J. Stevens.

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From Mendota.

MENDOTA, Oct. 22.—When people get cranky, or off their base, fly angry immen- sably, lose their mental equilibrium, mis- understand everybody and anything, get freaky and take unexpected and sudden turns, some people, who look square and clear out of their heads, ask "How is the moon?" It looks a little as though every- body were unbalanced and lost their regu- lar senses when Luna is in the shadows, and perhaps the ancients were correct when they gave light-headed folks the credit of being moon-struck. Old maids have a par- ticular attraction for the moon, or the moon an antipathy for old maids. Bachelors are generally too solid in the head to get struck badly. As they can resist the awfully at- tractive power of a woman, they have rather got the bulge on the moon. However, there are a few whom the moon has played havoc with, and a woman's influence in a magnetic way is weak indeed. We pre- sume, to theorise, that insanity originated with women. Men do go crazy, and sci- ence will at some future time explain that, excepting in very extraordinary cases, men are only mad by hereditary title. Girls who lean over the easement and gaze pen- sively at the moon are in great danger. Old bachelors who are out late at night, very fortunately see half a dozen moons at once. This influence is thinned out, and she don't hurt them—the moon we mean. Recently the moon has been in her shadows. If you have acted a trifle strange, don't notice it—don't mention it; it is the moon. Two Mendota old maids were at- tracted so powerfully last Friday night that they were drawn as far south as Troy Grove by her mild and gentle rays. They must go, they had to go, and they did go—a lamentable fact—and no one knew which way they went. And when their mys- terious absence had dawned upon our people and overcome them like a summer's cloud, handbills were circulated calling for volun- teers to search for these estimable old maids. And no Roman ever met in gladi- ational sport with more heroism than did our best men brave the soft, balmy air of autumn for as much as fifteen minutes, hunting in alley, pond, street, romantic ruins, old churches, depot, and sending tele- grams to all points of interest. The fact that they had disappeared unprepared for any outdoor exercise banished the idea of the railroad trip. The gentlemen of Men- dota display a vast amount of pluck when a woman's life is at stake, and they will hazard their existence at any time for her sweet sake. Marshal McIntire was on the alert all day and never looked for a woman more intently than on this occasion. Eu- gene Wormley found an old bustle and a portion of a hoop skirt on an ash pile, and he called about fifty of the volunteers to- gether. They all stood with bowed heads over the ruins. About 24 hours after their departure the old maids bobbed up at Troy Grove, and the community were relieved. Keep your eye on the moon and don't let her bulldoze you!

Fritz Weidlingdorf, a saloonist, returning home last Friday night about midnight, was waylaid by two men who undertook to rob him. Mr. W. resisted their efforts in that direction, and his alarms called night police Tom Bailey, who fired four shots at the villains. Mr. W. was badly beaten about the face. One of the men was recog- nized as Louie Lindenmier, and the other a McGraw boy—both known as members of a gang of hard cases, who have no visible means of support, and who stand around the street corners, drinking whisky, cursing, and chewing tobacco. City Marshal McIntire, in company with Alderman Wormley, went to Lindenmier's house for the purpose of arresting him. They were met by his mother, who told them they could search. They made a tour through the house and barn, and found all of the property stolen from S. B. Dix's clothing house last spring, also stuff stolen from a car on the railroad, including a number of pairs of fine ladies' hose. In an old trunk in the barn was a seal plush sack, about 32 in size, good material, valued at \$35, and which Mrs. Lindenmier claimed as her own. She snatched the sack and ran into the cornfield, with the marshal at her heels. She undertook to get inside the garment, but it was altogether too small. This im- plicates Mrs. L., who is a terrible hard drinker, and when on a "tear" can furnish more blue oaths to the cubic inch than any old tar in existence. She has been in the cooler several times. After this exposure Mrs. L. tried the suicide dodge by attempt- ing to throw herself before a passing train, but for fear she might throw the train off the track or damage the engine, she was quietly removed. Louie Lindenmier skip- ped out, and when last seen, at Galva, was lame—no doubt the effects of the shot from the night policeman's revolver. As we predicted before, thieves are in Mendota, and they have been no doubt stealing from other towns. The police are onto the rest of the gang.

The Pleasant Hour Club is the name of a social affair in this city, which is very recherche in every respect. Only a very select crowd can gain admission inside its choice circle. It is sort of half foreign, i. e., one portion comprises the high-toned Teu- tonic element, and the other the high- mick-a-mick Milesian aristocracy. To be invited into their circle is indeed an honor, a compliment. They held their first Select the other evening, and things went along lovingly; champagne, and song, and smiles,

etc., went around and 'round, until all were dizzy. Presently some one of the popular members complimented another by calling him "a d— Irish son of a —," which compliment was returned by change of some other nationality. This was only a forerunner of a lively contest after the John L. Sullivan order, and, wanting more room than the hall, they adjourned to have it out in the fresh air. Tom Bailey appeared on the scene without a special in- vitation and introduced himself and his "billy." Otto Kurpp was the first to get the "knockdown," and the badge of the Pleasant Hour Club is a beautiful shade of blue around one eye.

Ottawa Markets.

OTTAWA, ILL., Oct. 23, 1885.
Flour and Feed.
Good Family Flour, 40 lbs. 40.00
Good Family Flour, 20 lbs. 20.00
Good Family Flour, 10 lbs. 10.00
Good Family Flour, 5 lbs. 5.00
Good Family Flour, 2 1/2 lbs. 2.50
Good Family Flour, 1 1/4 lbs. 1.25
Good Family Flour, 3/4 lbs. .75
Good Family Flour, 1/2 lbs. .50
Good Family Flour, 1/4 lbs. .25
Good Family Flour, 1/8 lbs. .125
Good Family Flour, 1/16 lbs. .0625
Good Family Flour, 1/32 lbs. .03125
Good Family Flour, 1/64 lbs. .015625
Good Family Flour, 1/128 lbs. .0078125
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